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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2007–08 REGULAR SESSION

Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 114

Introduced by Assembly Member Parra Fuller (Coauthors: Assembly Members Parra and Jeffries)

March 5, 2008

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 114—Relative to home-to-school transportation.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 114, as amended, Parra Fuller. Home-to-school transportation. This measure would request the Superintendent of Public Instruction to convene a committee to investigate cost savings and best practices for school districts operating home-to-school transportation programs, not including special education transportation. The measure also would request the Superintendent to invite specified representatives to become members of the committee and would request that the relevant findings or recommendations based on the committee's investigation be posted on the State Department of Education's Internet Web site.

Fiscal committee: yes.

- 1 WHEREAS, Home-to-school transportation is a vital part of
- 2 ensuring the attendance of pupils at public schools; and
- 3 WHEREAS, The state's reimbursement payments for payments
- 4 by the state to reimburse approved home-to-school transportation
- 5 costs have been declining as a percentage of cost; and

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 WHEREAS, School districts-and, particularly small rural school districts, must subsidize unreimbursed transportation costs from their district general fund; and

WHEREAS, The effect of subsidizing unreimbursed transportation costs from the district general fund impacts other educational programs; and

WHEREAS, In order to meet the goal of pupils reaching high academic standards, California has adopted some of the highest academic standards in the nation; and

WHEREAS, In 2008, approximately \$11 million that had been allocated to fund home-to-school transportation reverted to the state, so school districts must use their district general fund moneys to meet the unfunded cost of school transportation; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate thereof concurring, That the Superintendent of Public Instruction is requested to convene a committee to investigate cost savings and best practices for school districts operating home-to-school transportation programs, not including special education transportation; and be it further

Resolved, That the Superintendent of Public Instruction is requested to invite representatives from the Legislative Analyst's Office, the fiscal management and assistance team of school districts offering home-to-school transportation, and county offices of education, to become members of the committee; and be it further

Resolved, That any relevant findings or recommendations that occur as a result of the committee's investigation are requested to be posted on the State Department of Education's Internet Web site; and be it further

Resolved, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.